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Mr. Martin I. Elzy, Archivist  
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Austin, Texas 78705

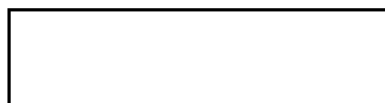
Dear Mr. Elzy:

Mr. Ben Evans, Executive Secretary to the Director of Central Intelligence, recently received a memorandum from the National Security Council requesting access for Mr. Bromley K. Smith to CIA originated documents relating to the development of the NSC system during the period of the Kennedy-Johnson presidencies that might be at the Johnson Library. A copy of the NSC letter to Mr. Evans is enclosed and it is self explanatory.

This Agency has verified Mr. Smith's TOP SECRET/CODEWORD clearances and this letter authorizes his access to such CIA documents as required. As indicated in Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the enclosed copy of CIA Access Policy Concerning Presidential Libraries (revised 12 July 1977), Mr. Smith is free to take notes and make copies of any CIA materials reviewed. Such notes and copies of documents must be collected at the Johnson Library and should be returned directly to the CIA History Staff for review prior to final release (or denial) to Mr. Smith.

The Johnson Library will be notified of this Agency's decisions with reference to all documents and notes requested by Mr. Smith. Copies of this authorization are being forwarded to Ms. Christine Dodson, Staff Secretary, NSC, and to Mr. Richard A. Jacobs, Deputy Archivist for Presidential Libraries, NARS.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Information Services Staff  
Directorate of Administration

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Attachment A

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March 18, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR:

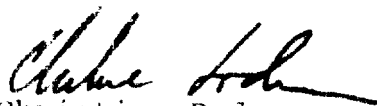
Mr. Ben Evans  
Executive Secretary to the  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Access to CIA Documents

A consultant for the National Security Council, Mr. Bromley Smith, will be engaged in a research project for the NSC on the development of the NSC system during the period of the Kennedy-Johnson presidencies. As you know, Mr. Smith served as Executive Secretary to the NSC during this time. As part of his work, Mr. Smith would like to review materials located at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library. The product will be a classified study, for use by the NSC.

Would you please make the necessary arrangements to allow Mr. Smith access to CIA documents among these papers. Mr. Smith has an NSC clearance based on an FBI full-field background investigation. If you have any questions on his clearances, please contact Mr. Jerry Jennings, 395-3854.

The project will begin within the next two weeks. So that he may begin work as soon as possible, I would appreciate it if you would advise Mr. Martin I. Elzy, Archivist, Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, of your authorization, along with a copy to me for our records. The address is Austin, Texas 78705.

  
Christine Dodson  
Staff Secretary

CIA ACCESS POLICY CONCERNING PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES  
(revised 12 July 1977)

1. Incoming requests from other agencies will be directed to the CIA Historian for initial review. The requesting agency will identify its responsible historian by full name and rank (if military) and by type of employment (staff, contract, or other), and will certify the researcher's level of security clearance.
2. A brief statement of the proposed research requiring access to CIA documents will accompany the initial request and establish the "need to know." The CIA Historian will approve or deny the research request -- consulting, if individual cases so demand, with the CIA components most directly concerned.
3. Once a project is approved, the CIA Historian will so notify the requesting agency, NARS, and the specified Presidential Library. An official historian using a Presidential Library will be free to take such notes as desired and to have the Library make copies of the documents he wishes to retain for research purposes.
4. All such notes and copies of CIA documents desired by requesters will be collected at the Presidential Library and forwarded through NARS to the CIA Historian for review prior to release. The CIA historian will ask the originating components to review requested documents and/or notes desired by other agency historians, and will then transmit the items (or note their denial) to the requester.
5. As in the past, should a requesting agency contemplate overt publication of a given history, formal security review and clearance procedures will require CIA concurrence on the inclusion of information based on Agency originated documents.